

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic tire having a framework of a carcass toroidally extending between a pair of bead portions with ~~at the~~ crown portion of said carcass reinforced with a belt layer ~~consisting of~~ containing at least two plies, wherein at least one ply of said belt layer is formed by embedding in rubber a metallic cord obtained by shaping a bundle prepared by paralleling a plurality of metallic wires having substantially circular sections in an unstranded state with a binder of a ~~polymer~~ polymeric material having a melting point of 50°C to 200°C ~~in rubber~~.
2. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic tire having a framework of a carcass toroidally extending between a pair of bead portions with ~~at the~~ crown portion of said carcass reinforced with a belt layer ~~consisting of~~ containing a plurality of plies, wherein at least one ply of said carcass is formed by embedding in rubber a metallic cord obtained by shaping a bundle prepared by paralleling a plurality of metallic wires having substantially circular sections in an unstranded state with a binder of a ~~polymer~~ polymeric material having a melting point of 50°C to 200°C ~~in rubber~~.
3. (New) The pneumatic tire of claim 1, wherein the polymeric material is low-density polyethylene polypropylene, or medium-density polyethylene.
4. (New) The pneumatic tire of claim 2, wherein the polymeric material is low-density polyethylene polypropylene, or medium-density polyethylene.
5. (New) A pneumatic tire of claim 1, wherein the binder circumscribes the metallic wires to form the metallic cord.
6. (New) A pneumatic tire of claim 2, wherein the binder circumscribes the metallic wires to form the metallic cord.
7. (New) The metallic cord for reinforcing a tire according to claim 1, wherein said metallic wires are 0.15 to 0.3 mm in diameter.

8. (New) The cord of claim 1, wherein the wires have different shapes and different pitch phases.
9. (New) The cord of claim 1, wherein the wires have different circular, elliptic, or flat oval sectional shapes.
10. (New) The cord of claim 1, wherein the diameter of the metallic wires are 0.15 to 0.40 mm.
11. (New) The metallic cord for reinforcing a tire according to claim 1, wherein said binder is a cord, a tape or a string.
12. (New) The cord of claim 5, wherein the binder is in the shape of a tape having a width of 5 to 20 mm.
13. (New) The cord of claim 5, wherein the binder is spirally wrapped around the wires in the longitudinal direction.
14. (New) The metallic cord for reinforcing a tire according to claim 2, wherein said metallic wires are 0.15 to 0.3 mm in diameter.
15. (New) The cord of claim 2, wherein the wires have different shapes and different pitch phases.
16. (New) The cord of claim 2, wherein the wires have circular, elliptic, or flat oval sectional shapes.
17. (New) The cord of claim 2, wherein the diameter of the metallic wires are 0.15 to 0.40 mm.
18. (New) The metallic cord for reinforcing a tire according to claim 2, wherein said binder is a cord, a tape or a string.

19. (New) The cord of claim 6, wherein the binder is in the shape of a tape having a width of 5 to 20 mm.

20. (New) The cord of claim 16, wherein the binder is spirally wrapped around the wires in the longitudinal direction.